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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, RP (MARCOS, MRS. IMELDA)

SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS' VISIT

REF: STATE 243679

1. AS ANTICIPATED, IMELDS MARCOS' PLANS REMAIN IN WELTER OF CONFUSION ON EVE HER SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR U.S. TRIP. MOST RECENT DISRUPTION APPEARS TO HAVE EVOLVED FROM FACT THAT ECHEVERRIA IS SUDDENLY LEAVING FOR ROME TO ADDRESS FOOD CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO MEET WITH OPEC REPRESENTATIVES. HE HAS APPARENTLY CANCELLED (OR POSTPONED) HIS WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE IMELDA RATHER ABRUPTLY. (KOKOY'S VARNISH ABOUT "DISHONORABLE" FEATURES RE U.S. SHOULD BE CUT WITH CONSIDERABLE TURPENTINE.)

2. THE ONLY FIRM SCHEDULE NOW ON THE BOOKS IS DEPARTURE 1500 HRS 7 NOVEMBER VIA SPECIAL PAL DC-8 FOR HONOLULU ARRIVING 0730 HONOLULU TIME THAT SAME DAY, AND MOVING ON THAT NIGHT TO LOS ANGELES. SHE IS SCHEDULED TO
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ARRIVE AT LOS ANGELES AT 0620 HRS LOS ANGELES TIME ON

NOVEMBER 8. ALL OTHER FEATURES OF TRIP REMAIN FLUID, EXCEPT FOR NEW YORK CEREMONIES INVOLVING PHILIPPINE HOUSE. MOREOVER, DAVID ROCKEFELLER HAS INVITED HER TO SPEND DAY AND NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 19 AT POCANTINO HILLS.

3. EMBASSY WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN FROM REFTEL THAT DEPT. HAD INFORMED PHILIPPINE EMBASSY PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE TO MRS. MARCOS. WE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN AWARE THAT REQUEST FOR SUCH MEETING HAD BEEN MADE. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF REQUEST: WHO MADE IT? WHAT SPECIFICALLY WAS ASKED FOR? WHAT WAS EMBASSY REACTION? WE WOULD LIKE ALL HELP NEEDED TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM ANY FALLOUT ON THIS END.

4. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT SOME OF IMELDA'S PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT LONG BEACH. THIS MAY SUGGEST THAT SHE IS PLANNING TO PROPOSE A HOSPITAL VISIT TO EX-PRESIDENT NIXON. IF THIS MATERIALIZES, WE WOULD EXPECT HER TO ATTEMPT TO USE THIS CHANNEL TO OBTAIN A WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD. CAVEAT REDEMPTOR. SULLIVAN

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